

HOUSE BILL 512

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to sentencing of attempted first degree murder.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-202, is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e) and inserting the following new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding § 39-12-107, a person convicted of attempted first degree murder may be sentenced to imprisonment for life without possibility of parole if the court finds the person committed the offense against any law enforcement officer, correctional officer, department of correction employee, probation and parole officer, emergency medical or rescue worker, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter who was engaged in the performance of official duties, and the person knew or reasonably should have known that the victim was a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, department of correction employee, probation and parole officer, emergency medical or rescue worker, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter engaged in the performance of official duties.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (h)(3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) There shall be no release eligibility for a defendant receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life without possibility of parole for first degree murder, attempted first degree murder, or aggravated rape of a child.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.